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TAGS: SHABA ATTACK; BELGIAN AND FRENCH MILITARY OPERATION; 1145Z MAY

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1. FRENCH OPERATION LEOPART USING FOUR C-130'S AND TWO TRANSALLS, LAUNCHED FROM N'DJILI AIRPORT AT 0955Z 19 MAY AFTER FOUR HOUR DELAY BY ORDER OF PARIS. LAST PLANE AIRBORNE AT 1005Z. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN FIRST WAVE IS 400.

2. UNCONFIRMED REPEAT UNCONFIRMED REPORT IS THAT BELGIAN

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PARATROOPS NOW AT KAMINA AIR BASE WILL LAUNCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER FRENCH OPERATION. FRENCH TO SEIZE AND SECURE EUROPEAN AREA OF KOLWEZI; BELGIANS TO BLOCK ENEMY ESCAPE ROUTE.

3. US MISSION 7500-01 LANDED NDJILI 1014Z 19 MAY. DEPCH ZAMISH TO ACCOMPANY TO KAMINA.
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